

Discipline Case Summary

On Nov 3, 2020, the Discipline Committee (DC) of the SVMA convened a hearing to determine an outcome in case #2019-19, a complaint referred by the Professional Conduct Committee (PCC) against Dr. Gail Nutting.

The complaints were:

1. That Dr. Gail Nutting “Failed to maintain Master and Dispensing Drug Registers for at least five (5) years as required by the Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association (SVMA) and did thereby breach Practice Standard 5b of the SVMA Practice Standards and sections 12.2 (e), 12.6 (c), and 12.7 (c) of the SVMA Bylaws
2. That Dr. Gail Nutting: “Failed to maintain Master and Dispensing Drug Registers for at least two (2) years as required by Health Canada and did thereby breach section 55 (e) of Narcotic Control Regulations.”

Dr. Nutting pleaded Guilty to all Charges. The records were accidentally destroyed during a record purge in the clinic.

The DC deliberated and assign a penalty as follows:

Dr. Nutting:

1. Be Issued a letter of reprimand.
2. Complete a course on record management, particularly pharmaceutical, narcotic or restricted drug management (developed in consultation with either the practice standards committee, the PCC or that suggested by the Registrar).
3. Be required to undergo a follow up practice inspection at six and 12 months to ensure compliance with respect to (Control Drug record management only). This should be accomplished in a manner suitable to the SVMA. The Discipline Committee suggests Dr. Nutting’s Control and Drug invoices, Master drug log entries and Dispensing Drug log entries could be sent electronically to SVMA, rather than on- site inspections.
4. Be ordered to pay 50% of Full Costs of investigation, and hearings. Payment must be completed by May31, 2021. Failure to do so, Dr. Nutting would be subjected to section 23(2)(b) of *The Veterinarians Act, 1987*.